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During the last one-year (between May 2022 and 2023), a little over 10,000 properties (both domestic and non-domestic) in Bengaluru have installed Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) system. The total number of BWSSB customers that have adopted the approach now stands at 1.86 lakh. By May 2022, a little over 1.7 lakh consumers were harvesting rainwater.

According to officials from Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), the city is faring well after the RWH law was tweaked in 2021 by bringing in even the smaller sites (30*40) under its fold.

"More and more people are installing the system, especially after the law was fine-tuned. We have noticed that while adoption is not an issue, the RWH systems installed are not being maintained after some time. We have started inspecting the households in

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"People do not value a commodity that is available at a subsidised rate. BWSSB must look at water tariff slabs on the lines of the electricity tariff method – AR Shivakumar, RWH expert

Let good times roll

City to host first-ever Karnataka Roll Ball Premier League

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Women scoop up gold at RGUHS convocation

Women will be stars of the show at the 25th annual convocation of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) with 85 women bagging gold among 97 medallists. Justice Prasanna B Varale, Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court, will be the chief guest delivering the convocation address at Saturday's event. This year, degrees and prizes will be awarded to a total of 49,560 candidates. Dr K Deepthi, who bagged three gold medals, said that her father's advice helped to study well. "My father asked me to be calm and advised me not to worry about the results. I feel that we need to work in such a way that we can create more employment opportunities in the field of Pharm D."

Dr Ranjini Panta, from Nepal, secured three gold medals in her MBBS course. She said that her prior work experience as a medical course lab technologist helped her succeed. She urged students to study with full concentration. Dr Rishika S Patel, from Shivamogga, secured two gold medals and one cash prize in her MBBS course. She said that she never focused on the results and always put in her best. She also advised students to follow their passion.

Dr Amogh who secured two gold medals and one cash prize in his BDS course said that his interest in sports and mentors' support helped him succeed. He also urged students to not be money-minded and to think about the rural people who need help the most.

For Dr Sai Chinmay, from Manjeshwar, who secured two gold medals and one cash prize in his BAMS course, hard work and good parents and mentors helped him succeed. He also advised students to be happy in their field.

— Sinchana Thejasvi & Prithvi Prasad

Let's get the ball rolling!

Bengaluru to host first premier league for roll ball skating in bid to promote the game among youngsters

Roll ball skating is a combination of roller skating and handball & requires great agility

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Bengaluru is all set to host the first-ever Karnataka Roll Ball Premier League where owners have bid for teams and selected players to promote roll ball skating sport.

The league will be held at Skating Academy Ground in Mallasandra, Bengaluru on June 11. The organisers say that the event promises an exciting display of athleticism, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Roll ball is a thrilling sport that combines roller skating and handball, creating a unique and engaging experience for participants and spectators alike. It offers a fast-paced and dynamic game where teams compete to score goals by throwing or rolling the ball into the opponent's net. Ravi S, who is one of the organisers said, "Roll ball skating is picking up in the city like never before.

Earlier, the sport was limited to only a few pockets due to limitation of the availability of skating rinks. However, now with rinks being set up across the city, many children and youngsters are donning the skates to try their skill. This has encouraged us to organise the first-ever premier league in the state."

The premiere league is open to sports persons of various categories: under-11 to 21 years. More than 150 participants will be playing in the city across teams like Belagavi, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru North, Davanagere, Tumakuru and Bengaluru City. Each game will be of 20-minute duration and the team scoring the maximum goals will win the trophy.

He said that the sixth Roll Ball World Cup 2023 was held at Shiv Chhatrapati Sports Complex Pune in April. This turned out to be an inspiration for many to take up the sport.

"Roll ball game stands on four important pillars, i.e., balance, speed, accuracy and team work. Everyone should understand its importance and execute it in day-to-day life. Speed is a vital component of this sport as it enables players to create scoring opportunities and chase down opponents. Balance is a crucial aspect of sports performance. In many sports, athletes need to maintain their balance while moving quickly and changing direction.

To develop accuracy, athletes must develop the technical skills and physical attributes needed to execute precise movements. Finally, teamwork involves effective communication, trust, and collaboration among team members to achieve a common goal," he said, adding that the premier league's each team will have 12 members with a coach and a manager.

> **"Now with rinks being set up across the city, many youngsters are donning skates to try their skill**
>
> – Ravi S, one of the organisers

Govindaiah HK, general secretary of the Roll Ball Association of Karnataka, said that the sport is being played in 10 districts of the state. He said that the sport was introduced in Karnataka in 2016, but it was interrupted by the covid-19 pandemic.

"Currently, roll ball is played in 53 countries and there have been six world cups," said Govindaiah. "We have been conducting state meets so far. Many players from Karnataka are going to the nationals in the under-11, under-14, under-17, and above 17 age groups. This year, roll ball was introduced in the national games."

Govindaiah said that the government needs to spend more on the sport and create infrastructure. He said that due to a shortage of space, players are practicing in basketball courts. He said that players need concrete or wooden floors to practice on. "As it is very expensive, we are practicing wherever facilities are available."

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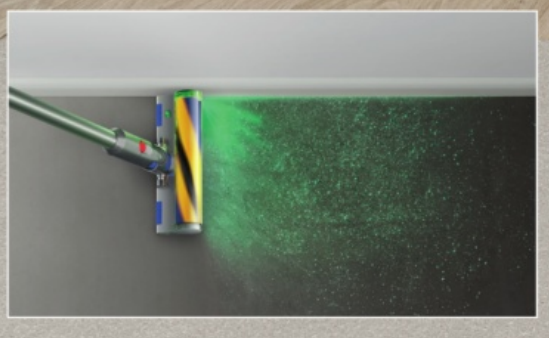

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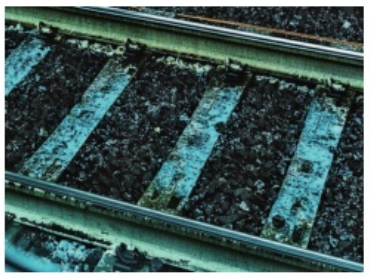

The horrific tragedy, the crash of three trains in Odisha's Balasore — involving two passenger and a goods — resulting in the death of at least 288 persons points to the gross ineptitude of our rulers in 2023 and their lack of compassion for the billion impoverished folks on the move in such trains that still are a throwback from pre-independence India.

That the persons in charge did not offer to resign in regret or remorse is quite telling of the attitude of our current administrators and their approach to hold responsible those who are in charge of the so-called 'signal flaw' or other anomalies that may have led to the crashing of trains travelling at high speeds. That it took many hours to get a clear picture of how the tragedy occurred points to further intrigue about how things are run in the Indian railway. Most importantly why such a national asset is seemingly falling into ruin is something to ponder when mobility remains a challenge in the world's most populous nation.

At times the Indian Railway - which perhaps should be called the great Indian railway - reminds you of the central nervous system. It carries the life blood of this nation to and fro from various points spread across the subcontinent, from the Himalayas to the seas down south. Millions of people brush against each other every other day in massively crowded apartments - some thickly packed in the toilets of trains even today - because for them travel in India means trains.

The billion people who seek employment in this country in times of utter penury as is the case now - for instance, the so-called migrant labourers - solely depend on this system to traverse the length and breadth of the geography. Not only is it a great way of connecting with the different peoples, places and cultures from across India, it has remained the most cost effective form of transport for the average Indian. There are still those who travel by train just to take in the charm of such truly Indian journeys.

Now why would you want to strike at the foundations of such a system that is working for India, cut the special budget allocation for it, and little by little disenfranchise the role of the government in the running of the rail network? What in the world are you thinking you will do with probably one of the largest rail networks in the world without proper plan or foresight? Surely doing away with the rail budget wasn't the right thing to do. The talk of high speed rail and super fast trains should have adequate infra support, let alone the role of design that takes on environmental challenges of the day.

If one is knowingly causing damage to a mechanism as vast as the Indian railway, it is no doubt likely to affect the central nervous system of this great nation which is held forth by the immense workforce that is lost in building this nation brick by brick - most often underpaid, ill-treated, disenfranchised and often killed too by the sheer inefficacy of the administrators that trickle down to then departments that are in charge to maintain and manage such large infrastructure.

Of late shoddy policy and plans to privatise the services in the network have been gnawing at this hugely subsidised form of travel of India's poor: a primary example of one such exercise is the Vande Bharat trains. A weakening rail network needs infra support that is wholesome: not piecemeal pageantry that is primarily aimed at politicking and electoral advantage.

That said, in the past week a recurring image kept haunting the conscience of the nation: it was the image of the prime minister flagging off train service after train service across the vast rail network eagerly followed up and punctuated by the pliant press. The red carpets, the refurbished coaches and all of that did want to drive home the propaganda that how the rail network was being salvaged from the brink by the new dispensation.

In the recent past at least one such event occurs every other month when the prime minister makes sure that all media outlets are present before he flags off the train, the latest of such being the Vande Bharats.

The most absurd part of the whole pageantry was the prime minister, in some instances, reportedly seen brushing aside other dignitaries present at the railway platforms. The PM even travels vast distances to announce the arrival of the Vande Bharat trains, considered by many as largely a political exercise rather than a mobility boost.

Before conceiving projects like the Vande Bharat, how to overhaul the network and its infrastructure surely should have been one of the most critical priorities for any ruling dispensation. But sadly that was not the case.

Advisory group? Make it inclusive

Activists want group to give say to representatives from all sections of society

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The Congress government is said to be thinking of forming an advisory group similar to that of Bangalore Agenda Task Force (BATF) set up during the tenure of SM Krishna as chief minister.

The group comprising civil society representatives, industry captains and urban planners will advise the government on city's issues.

However, activists are wary of its composition and want representatives from various associations – slum dwellers, street vendors and women organisations - to be given importance to make it inclusive.

File photo of slum dwellers demanding the right to housing in city

"It is good that the government is seeking collaboration from people outside but the history of task forces does not give much hope as they generally include people from industries, those who do not know the problems of ordinary people," said Vinay K Sreenivasa, a prominent activist. He explained that if the government wished to involve stakeholders from outside, they could set up an advisory group similar to that of the National Advisory Council (NAC) set up during the UPA government.

"The council had economists and activists among others, who know the social realities," he said and added that if the government is putting together a task force, they must ensure representation from slum associations, street hawkers, pourakarmika unions, gender minorities, women groups among others. Youth groups must also be taken into consideration, he said.

Madhu Bhushan, an activist and writer, said that women organisations need to be included to provide a gender-perspective to city planning. "It needs to be made inclusive at different levels and cannot be driven only by captains of industries," she said.

"Organisations who make up the city must be included, such as street vendors and slum residents, especially those who are marginalised yet contribute to building of the city," she added.

"As many constituencies as possible from women, trans-community, children, persons with disabilities, street vendors, slum residents, pourakarmikas should be called in. Governance models should make space for people's voices to be heard," said Poorna Ravishankar, a member of Bahutva Karnataka.

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DKS is B'luru in-charge

The Siddaramaiah government on Friday appointed the ministers in charge of the various districts, 20 days after the government came into power. According to the government order, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar will be in charge of Bengaluru City.

Dues to DWCCs: BBMP will check and pay

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Following allegations of nearly Rs 9 crore not being paid to Dry Waste Collection Centres (DWCCs), the BBMP has decided to investigate the matter and pay the dues if there are any. The pending payment for auto tippers is as agreed by BBMP.

Recently, six resource organisations associated with DWCCs across 46 wards had alleged that BBMP hasn't paid a total sum of Rs 9,41,03,212 for a total of 980 months.

Responding to this, the BBMP decided to investigate the matter. "We will look into the matter and we will make the payment if necessary," said BBMP Special Commissioner(SWM), Dr Harish Kumar. According to BBMP sources, the payment has been pending from the zonal offices.

The three resource organisations, Hasiru Dala, Swachha, and Gilgal Charitable Trust, along with the organisation of workers and small traders of recyclables in the informal waste sector, Thyajya Shramika Sangatane, had submitted a petition to Deputy CM DK Shivakumar and BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath.

As per the petition, BBMP is required to pay Rs 23,316 per month if vehicles are not provided according to a circular issued by the Executive Engineer of Solid Waste Management. The terms of the circular issued in 2021 are valid until the next circular is issued. Hence, though the DWCCs have crossed the pilot period of six months where BBMP agreed to provide financial assistance of Rs 56,316 per month, DWCCs are required to get paid as per the circular.

At the national level, the bye-laws of the Solid Waste Management Rules 2016 talk about whether the centres should be managed by waste pickers or SHG groups (Section 3.24).

As per the petition, BBMP hasn't paid dues at Kamakshipalya DWCC in Rajajinagar for Rs 3,669,540 for 42 months, followed by Shantinagar DWCC of Rs 3,669,540.00 for 35 months, and 28 months of dues pending in multiple DWCCS across Yelahanka, and Shanthinagar.

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Mass transport network to see big boost

Expansion of mobility infrastructure will have positive impact on real estate, as it will aid in easy commuting

Bengaluru is set to see a spurt in its mass transport network with the expansion of the metro and suburban train systems. This is expected to have a positive impact on the real estate market, as it will make commuting easier and more convenient for residents.

The expansion of the metro network is already underway, with several new lines under construction. The RV Road-Bommasandra line, which will provide connectivity to Electronic City, is expected to be completed by October 2023. The Baiyappanahalli-KR Puram line, which will provide seamless connectivity to Whitefield, is expected to be operational by July 2023. The airport link and the Central Silk Board-KR Puram line are expected to be completed by June 2026.

The suburban railway authority K-Ride is also planning to expand its network. The Chikkabanavara line is being extended to Dabaspet; the Kengeri line is being extended to Mysuru, the Yelahanka line is being extended to Gauribidanur-Hindupur, and the Benniganahalli line is being extended to Kolar.

Experts say that this expansion of the mass transport network will be a big boost for the real estate market.

Sundar S, a realtor, said, "Mass transport should always be encouraged, as it not only decongestes the road but also helps reduce pollution. For a long time, Bengaluru has had a good network of buses, though other modes of mass transport were missing. Now, with Metro picking up, there are plans to bring suburban railways on track. If all the mass transport is integrated, it will surely help the Bengalureans travel from one end to another easily, and it will be affordable as well."

Amarendra Sahu, CEO, NestAway Technologies, said that the expansion of the metro and suburban train systems will have a number of benefits for the real estate market.

He said, "Connectivity is a key factor that is driving real estate growth in Bengaluru. With the development of metro and suburban train lines, there has been a considerable improvement in connectivity to various parts of the city, making it easier for people to commute and access various areas. Earlier, there were underdeveloped areas that have now become more appealing for both residential and commercial real estate as connectivity improved over a period of time. Thus, real estate developers have taken advantage of this opportunity to invest in these emerging areas and meet the growing demand for housing and commercial space."

He added that the expansion of the metro and suburban train networks will lead to an increase in property rates along existing and proposed routes.

"With connectivity improving, the areas near metro stations and suburban train stations saw a gradual increase in demand, driving up property prices. Homebuyers and investors, therefore, are willing to pay a premium for properties near these transport hubs because of the convenience and time-saving benefits that they provide. As a result, existing homeowners in these areas will benefit from capital appreciation, while developers will be able to capitalise on increased demand by launching new projects," he explained.

The expansion of the metro and suburban train networks can also revitalise areas that were not developed in the city.

"With the rail networks expanding into previously inaccessible areas, they breathe new life by attracting businesses, retail establishments, and residential developments. This revitalisation process not only increases property values but also stimulates local economies, creates employment, and improves overall infrastructure and amenities.

Developers can play an important role in transforming these areas by working with urban planners and government agencies to achieve sustainable development," he further added.

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1. Main Entrance: The main entrance of the farmhouse should ideally be in the east or north direction. This allows for the influx of positive energy and abundance. Ensure that the entrance is well-lit and inviting.

2. Placement of Agricultural Land: If you have agricultural land around your farmhouse, it is beneficial to have the land slope towards the east or north. This helps in the

proper flow of water and nutrients, leading to better crop growth and yield.

3. Farmhouse Layout: Design the layout of your farmhouse in a way that maximises open spaces in the north and east directions. This allows for ample sunlight and positive energy flow. Place heavier structures or storage areas in the southwest direction.

4. Water Elements: Water bodies like ponds, wells, or water tanks should be located in the northeast or north direction of the farmhouse. These water elements attract positive energy and can be used for irrigation purposes.

5. Placement of Trees: Plant trees and create gardens in the southwest or west direction of the farmhouse. This brings stability and prosperity. Avoid planting tall trees on the northern or eastern sides, as they can block sunlight.

Remember, these tips are general guidelines, and it's important to consider the specific characteristics and layout of your farmhouse when implementing Vastu principles.

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Gates open for trouble

Residents in Haralur want road asphalted; gates have been removed from several houses due to drain work that has stretched on for months now

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Residents of 17th Main in Haralur have complained about non-asphalted roads after following up with officials and contractors multiple times. Rupal Ralph, the President of Lakedew Residency Owners Association, said that the issue has remained unchanged for the past year. She urged the authorities to take action before the monsoons begin.

She mentioned that the muddy road was covered with a layer of gravel last week, only after significant pressure from the Resident Welfare Association. "As an association, we have made multiple follow-ups with the officials and contractors and have also raised the issue in ward committee meetings. However, we have not received a positive response. The workers show up for a day and then disappear," she said. She added that in addition to the roads remaining non-asphalted, the municipal body had started installing drains for the houses on the lane, which remain unfinished. "Several house gates have been removed for this purpose and are yet to be put back in place. How can residents feel safe? The drain work was supposed to be completed in five days but has now dragged on for over two months. If the monsoons arrive, the road will face a serious issue of water logging," she said.

A resident mentioned that they have been unable to park vehicles in front of their homes or go out for peaceful walks. "Just the other day, I witnessed a child slipping and falling while walking as the road becomes slippery even after light rain. The garbage collection vehicles also struggle to move smoothly, disrupting the disposal routines. After removing our gates, they have provided us with makeshift platforms to enter and exit the house, but it is very risky to use them after rains," they said. The resident urged the authorities to complete the drain work as soon as possible so that the road can be asphalted.

"Just the other day, I witnessed a child slipping and falling while walking as the road becomes slippery even after light rains. The garbage collection vehicles also struggle – Resident

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Another resident noted that a tree fell in the vicinity due to the ongoing drain work. "They dug around the tree without considering the surrounding live vegetation. It won't be surprising if other trees in the neighbourhood meet the same fate," they said, highlighting the inconvenience of living on the street. "After a long day of work, I fear using the street to return home. It's unbelievable that the condition of a street in the 'Silicon Valley' of India, which has multiple authorities to address issues, is so disastrous compared to rural areas that may lack development due to limited oversight," they added.

Are we getting a 'film city' or not?

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The state government has allocated land near Mysuru for the film city/earmarked Rs 500 crore for its construction, but work on the same is yet to commence

The demand for a film city is gaining momentum. The Kannada film industry has been demanding the government establish a film city for the past 50 years, but successive governments have postponed it due to various reasons. The state government has allocated land near Mysuru for the film city and earmarked Rs 500 crore for its construction, but work is yet to commence.

"Karnataka is the first state in the country to consider establishing a film city, yet other states have already established their own. Construction needs to begin. Many who dreamed of having a film city have either passed away or are no longer active in the film industry," said veteran director S V Rajendra Singh Babu.

The latest development aims to revive the demand for the film city by directors and producers who have won state and national awards. " In my opinion, Mysuru is the ideal place for a film city because it provides all the necessary facilities for movie shootings. Many Hindi movies have been shot in Mysuru, which boasts 16 palaces," Babu said.

Demanding a conducive atmosphere from the state government to improve the Kannada film industry, he pointed out that the Kerala government has taken several initiatives to encourage SC/ST directors by providing subsidies. "The Kerala Film Development Corporation has allocated Rs 3 crore for the benefit of SC/ST directors making Malayalam movies. Six movies were made last year, and some SC/ST directors are making movies this year," he said.

Krishne Gowda, President of the Kannada Film Chamber of Commerce, said, "organising shoots for Kannada movies in Bengaluru has become difficult. Traveling between locations in the city takes a lot of time. The Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway makes it easier for technicians and actors to reach Mysuru from Bengaluru. We are also requesting the state government to allocate land adjacent to the allocated film city land for the construction of residential quarters and other amenities to benefit artists and technicians," said Gowda.

It should be noted that former Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa had allocated 110 acres of land at Immavu near Mysuru and earmarked a budget of Rs 500 crore for this purpose.

Movie director BS Lingadevaru mentioned that Mysuru has been known as the prime destination for movie shootings since the 1940s. "It is disheartening to see no progress happening despite the government allocating land and funds," said Lingadevaru.

Meanwhile, President of the Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) Ba Ma Harish stated that a delegation from the Kannada film industry met Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. "The CM has agreed to allocate time for discussing the development of the Kannada film industry. We are waiting for an appointment," he said.

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It's a smooth journey to Kanakapura Road

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has finally begun widening the Kanakapura Road. The work was stalled for a while after the death of the previous concessionaire, but it has now been resumed by a new company. NHAI officials say that the road widening will be completed at the earliest.

The Kanakapura Road is a vital link to Bengaluru and is prone to accidents due to haphazard driving, inadequate signage, and lack of proper illumination. The four-lane road will offer a lot of advantages to Bengalureans, as it will reduce traffic congestion and make driving safer. The road can also serve as an alternative road to Mysuru and Coimbatore.

The state government needs to improve Stage Highway 33 connecting Malavalli and Mysuru to make the Kanakapura Road a viable alternative to the existing roads via Channapatna and Mandya. The road can also serve as an alternative to the Bangalore-Kozhikode road via Chamarajanagar-Gundlupet and Sultan Battery.

The Kanakapura Road is a major artery for thousands of people who travel to popular pilgrimage spots like BR Hills and MM Hills. It is also a major trade route between Bengaluru and the southern districts of Karnataka. The widening of the road will boost economic activity in the region and improve connectivity to Bengaluru. The NHAI said that the work on the Kanakapura Road will be completed in two years. However, it is likely that the work will be completed sooner, as the new concessionaire is working on a war footing. The widening of the Kanakapura Road is a welcome development for Bengalureans and will improve the quality of life for many people. Realtors and techies have welcomed the development.

"These affordable plots are closer to many educational institutions and have been approved by the concerned authorities – Gopi R, a realtor

The road-widening project has picked up pace on Kanakapura Road

Gopi R, a realtor, said, "It is really good news that the Kanakapura Road is seeing development. In fact, this road is one of the fastest-developing areas. Many apartment complexes have come up in the neighbourhood. For those planning to either buy a plot for constructing houses or to buy as a future investment, there are many plots being developed that are ready for registration, with realtors offering easy EMI options."

These affordable plots are closer to many educational institutions and have been approved by the concerned authorities. Interestingly, all the basic amenities have been provided as well, added Gopi.

Vandana Gowda, a techie from the city, said, "Kanakapura Road is one of the most travelled roads by travellers, as there are a number of tourist spots like Sangama-Mekedatu, Muttatti, Shivanasamudra, Talakad, Shimsha Falls, and so on. Till now, travelling was a herculean task due to the number of diversions and half-completed roads. Once this stretch is completed, travelling will be easy, which will in turn help the local economy as many people will start travelling and business will also increase. We just hope that this long-pending project has finally taken off and will be completed at the earliest."

NHAI officials say that a number of bypasses will come up on this stretch, which will help in decongesting the local towns and also help motorists avoid these towns as well.

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Don't let this lake fade away

Residents and lake experts call for Rayasandra Lake conservation and fixing road alongside it

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Lake pollution is one of the constant problems in the city. Rayasandra Lake, located near Hosa Road, has been in a bad state in the past few months. The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) water quality analysis has showcased that the lake has fallen under the class E category over nine times in the past 12 months.

A student who is working with ActionAid for the protection of the lake carried out a survey around the lake and found that sewage water has been continuously entering the lake. Meanwhile, the lake does not have a proper walking or jogging path. Apart from this, there was rampant dumping of garbage within the boundaries of the lake.

The lake falls under the Santipura panchayat. The 'E' category of the lake signifies that it is unfit for fisheries and the water can only be used for irrigation and industrial cooling purposes. Some of the residents pointed out that the apartments close by were letting in untreated sewage water into the lake, polluting it.

The student told Bangalore Mirror that there is no proper sewage diversion channel built that can divert the sewage entering the lake. "I even observed plastic waste dumped inside the lake. Though the lake covers a large space and looks extremely beautiful, it is not maintained, and the water quality is very bad,"he said.

Residents said that the end of the lake connecting to Rayasandra Road has seen constant garbage dumping

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"Through CSR funds, the Shantipura panchayat baricaded the lake to stop the dumping of garbage. This has really helped with the garbage problem. However,

> **"It highlights the urgent need for restoration to improve water quality** –a lake expert

there has been no sewage treatment plant constructed near the lake. Nor are there measures taken to stop the sewage inflow inside the lake," a resident informed anonymously.

A lake expert said, "The classification of a lake as class E serves as a call to action for environmental management and conservation efforts. It highlights the urgent need for restoration and remediation measures to improve water quality and revive the ecological balance of the lake ecosystem."

Furthermore, the residents highlighted the issue of the Rayasandra Road, located alongside the Rayasandra lake, where they have been questioning the elected representatives about fixing the road for more than two months and providing street lights. However, the panchayat has only given verbal assurance, with no work carried out on the ground.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Outer Ring Road (ORR) is also known as Dr Puneeth Rajkumar Vartula Raste. This ring road, constructed by the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA), encircles a significant portion of the city and spans a length of 60 km. ORR is known to connect major highways of the city, such as Airport Road, Hosur Road, Bannerghatta Road, Mysuru Road, MagadiRoad, Old Madras Road, Tumakuru Road, and more. The segments of the ORR were gradually opened to the public over the course of six years, from 1996 to 2002. ORR also passes through neighbourhoods like BTM Layout, Banashankari, Nagarbhavi, Kengeri, and more.

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Srinivas, BM Reader
Reusable and non-reusable waste must be segregated. Separating plastic from recyclable products can take a lot of time. This plastic can block the drain and sewage line and cannot be burned, so separate practices must be followed.

Tejaswini Saikumar, BM Reader
House owners should keep two garbage bins, biodegradable and non-biodegradable, and dispose of them separately. This waste is then disposed of in landfills by waste management staff and buried.

Harshith Kulai, BM Reader
Waste disposal from metal factories and industries should be placed away from cities. These scraps consist of recyclable materials. Collecting and segregating them should be done at separate recycling plants.

Rajashekar, BM Reader
Old medicine or chemical elements, when mixed with atmospheric air, can lead to poisonous air. All hospital waste must be disposed of through incineration (burning) and vitrification (immobilising).

Murali SV, BM Reader
Proper education and training must be provided for the waste management staff by the local administration. As responsible citizens, we should spread awareness regarding health and keep the city clean.

Varun Sharma, BM Reader
A fine must be charged against people who dump garbage on the roads. Proper guidelines must be followed by waste management staff while segregating the waste, and the garbage shouldn't be left unattended by authorities.

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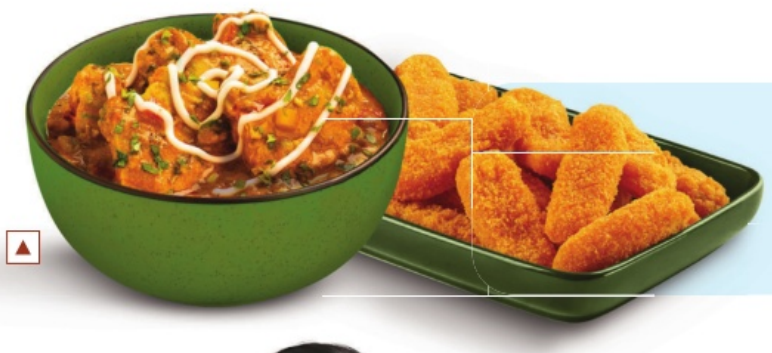

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'Adoption not an issue, maintenance is'

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this regard. We are helping people understand that maintenance is not a costly affair," said a senior official.

The board says rules are being implemented strictly too. In case of domestic purposes, BWSSB charges a penalty of 50% on water bills for the first three months if the RWH system is not installed. In case of non-compliance after three months, the penalty amount is 100% of the water bill.

For non-domestic purposes, the penalty is 100% of the bill for three months of non-compliance, followed by 200% in subsequent months. BWSSB collected Rs 1.95 crore in penalty from its customers in April 2023.

But, experts say the city has a long way to go in harvesting rainwater.

"While we are moving in the right direction, we are far from harvesting rainwater to its full potential. Bengaluru receives an average rainfall of nearly 1,000 mm. If this water is completely harvested, we will have an equivalent of nearly 3,000 million litres per day at our disposal. We will have enough water even if we harvest 50% of this and our dependence on Cauvery and groundwater will drop drastically," said Shubha Ramachandran, water team lead at Biome Environmental Trust.

Subsidy a deterrent

According to AR Shivakumar, former senior scientist, Karnataka State Council for Science and Technology, Indian Institute of Science, and an RWH expert, while political will to implement RWH installation rule is missing, a highly subsidised water tariff is yet another reason leading to low adoption. He suggests fixing a benchmark for per capita per day water requirement in Bengaluru and device tariff slabs based on household consumption to ensure more people start harvesting rainwater.

"People do not value a commodity that is available at a subsidised rate. BWSSB must look at water tariff slabs on the lines of the electricity tariff method. For instance, the board can fix a per capita water requirement of 125 litres per day and provide a part of it at a subsidised rate. Anything above that mark should be charged dearly. That is when more people will start looking at other avenues including RWH," said Shivkumar.

BWSSB currently charges Rs 7 per 1,000 litres (for up to 8,000 litres) for residential purposes.

Experts also highlight the lack of an empirical estimate of the impact of rainwater harvesting leading to fewer people adopting it. They suggest ward-level monitoring of groundwater through citizens' participation to popularise RWH.

"The impact of the RWH system has to be understood structurally through monitoring the impact at a granular level. BWSSB can look at surveying all groundwater recharge structures and RWH systems that exist in the city on a spatial level and superimposed with information on aquifers. This clubbed with a closer look at groundwater table fluctuations will provide a clearer picture of RWH impact. This will help the board in making informed decisions on actions to be taken for effective water management," added Ramachandran.

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Heart issues are the leading cause of death across the globe affecting more than 17.9 million lives every year. Heart health is the most important in the human body and we don't need studies to prove it. Your brain and heart pretty much shape the entire body and its functions. Conditions like stroke and hypertension arise due to mental and physical issues in the body. Yes, stress is also a leading factor in such matters. Do you think your everyday diet provides enough for your heart? If you are living in an urban environment, nothing you consume is 100 per cent pure. "Adulterated" is a small word; your food items contain the unhealthiest substances if not washed properly. This creates a huge deficiency of essential nutrients in the body. And, supplements foster the bridging of this nutritional gap. Yes, people are still doubtful about their advantages and very few of us take them seriously.

Supplements are readily available and do not even need a prescription at times, but there are better ways of taking this path. Consult an expert, don't be one! Our busy schedules have no space for a nutrition-rich diet and we have become too comfortable with the sedentary lifestyle. Junk food, an imbalanced sleep routine, mental stress (cheers to hours and hours on social media platforms), and ignorance of health are significant factors that harm our heart health. However, we can fulfil the nutrition quota of our body and make our hearts happy and healthy with these seven supplements:

Omega 3 Fatty Acids

These supplements work miraculously in lowering triglycerides (the most common type of fats in the body), inflammation, stroke, and other heart conditions. Food items like walnuts, chia seeds, fish, flax-seed oil, and canola oil are rich sources of Omega 3 Fatty Acids. One must work hard to keep up with a routine to add these items in adequate amounts if not possible via diet, taking the Omega 3 Fatty Acids capsules is a great option. It aids in the maintenance of cardiovascular functioning and the regulation of cholesterol levels while reducing plaque buildup in the arteries.

Magnesium

According to a study, magnesium lowers blood pressure by 12 points. It is one of the 3 micro-minerals (along with calcium and zinc) responsible for around 300 biochemical reactions in the body. Magnesium deficiency can lead to muscle contractions, cramps, seizures, abnormal heart rhythms, personality changes, and coronary spasms. Cashew nuts, almonds, whole grains, legumes, seeds, and dairy products are some of the rich sources of magnesium. Managing them can be challenging; hence, magnesium supplements will do the job better.

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Cod Liver Oil

This fish oil supplement is famous for its numerous benefits to the human body. Rich in antioxidants, healthy fats and minerals, cod liver oil can help reduce risk factors for heart diseases. The supplement can contribute a great deal to decreasing inflammation and reducing liver fat. It is also said that cod liver oil is excellent in the development and maintenance of healthy bones and teeth. These are often suggested by healthcare providers and that is the right method to consume them. Do not go for supplements without a prescription or doctor's recommendations.

Folate (folic acid)

It is said that folic acid (vitamin B) has been shown to lower the risk of heart attack and stroke in many people. Vegetables, beans, and citrus fruits are terrific sources of folate. The supplement is naturally present in many food items however in the form of a capsule or others it can be a part of your routine. If you are already on some medications, treatments or therapies, folic acid intake cannot be effective. You better have a word with an expert before beginning the dosage.

Grape Seed Extract

If you are diagnosed with hypertension, grape seed extract is just the right thing to include in your routine. It is full of antioxidants and lowers blood pressure. According to a study, around 100mg-800mg of grape seed extract every day for 8-16 weeks can help maintain blood pressure if you have symptoms or are suffering from pre hypertension.

Multivitamins

Scurvy, beriberi, pellagra, and rickets are some of the classic examples of vitamin deficiencies. While malnutrition is a silent culprit in developing countries, multivitamin supplements can make a big difference. A meal consisting of plenty of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, protein and more is good but at times not enough. For a person suffering from chronic conditions like cardiovascular diseases, it is already late to consider essential nutrition; however, you can begin consuming these supplements from an early age to avoid trouble.

Ashwagandha

People with high blood pressure have a dire need for calming food items. While these are not always sufficient, supplements comprising Ashwagandha calm the brain, reduce swelling, lower blood pressure and help alter the immune system. Ashwagandha is used for ages now and works fantastically in reducing physical and mental stress of any kind. These days, ashwagandha has become a prime tea variant among premium beverages as well. One can include it in many ways to improve heart health.

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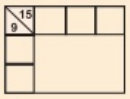
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

700% / 70% = x%
then: x/1000 = ?

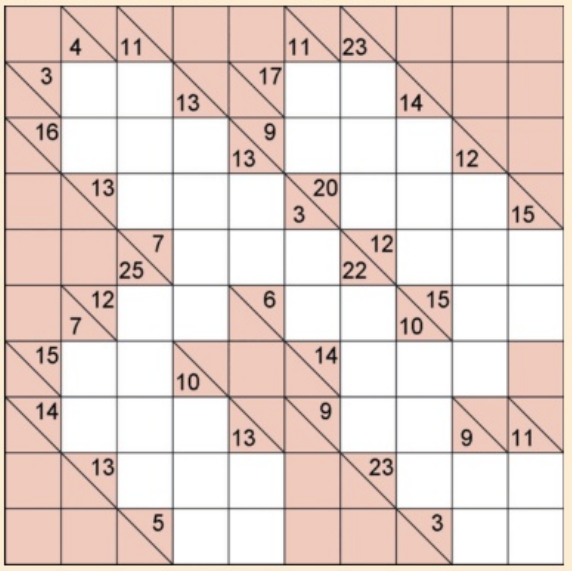
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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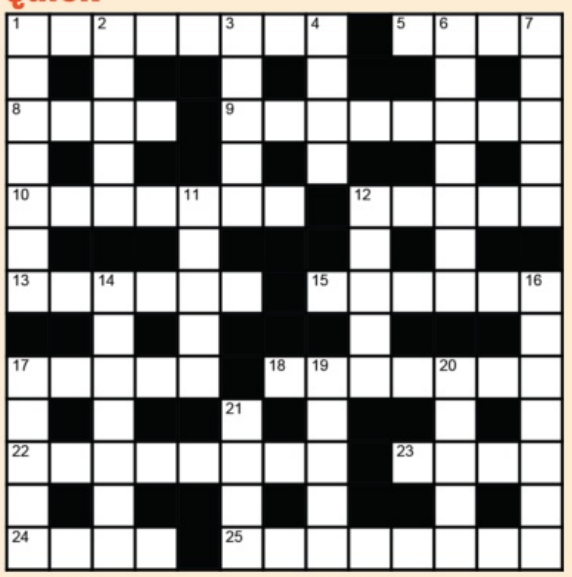


ACROSS

1 Trader (8)
5 Inactive (4)
8 Biblical wisemen (4)
9 Enough (8)
10 Surpasses; gets the better of (7)
12 Firmly fixed (5)
13 Bangalore lake–"Blab he"anagram (6)
15 Involuntary muscular movement (6)
17 A dynasty of N India (A.D. 320 to 540) ? (5)
18 Piece of land (7)
22 Final speech (8)
23 Second-hand, not new (4)
24 Help a felon (4)
25 Town in Central Scotland (8)

DOWN

1 Extinct woolly creature (7)
2 On the ___ side of : in the favour of a person, in a way? (5)
3 Not asleep or sleepy? (5)
4 Be abundant (4)
6 Unwelcome air current (7)
7 Occurrence (5)
11 City in Japan (5)
12 Tall building (5)
14 Christen, entitle or consecrate (7)
16 Downcast (7)
17 Environmental activist ___ Thunberg (5)
19 Tropical resin (5)
20 Very, musically (5)
21 Birds lay them (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: M EQUALS P

EJQV MQUMXQ JQOL WUUK CFIHR HZ COSQI ZJQC JUC-QIHRS DUL IUCQZJHVW ZJQA VQTQL JOK OVK VQTQL EHXX JOTQ.

Linemaro

I don't think much, but when I do, I think of you

Mindchow

Everybody has been young before, but not everybody has been old before

Joke of the day

If you ever see me getting thrashed by cops, put down that camera and come help me

Loop

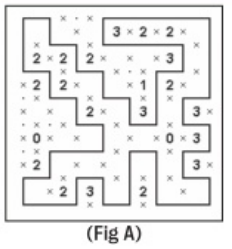
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

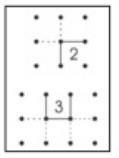
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

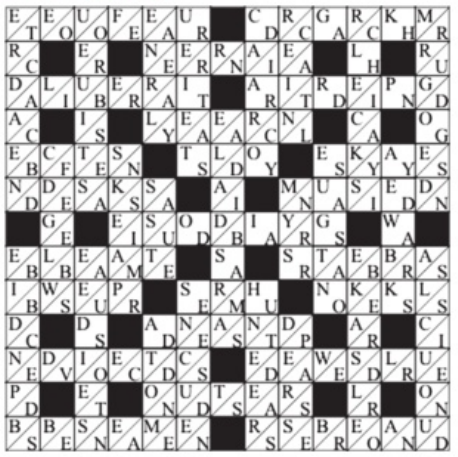


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

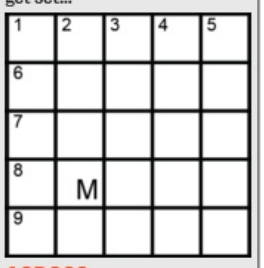
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

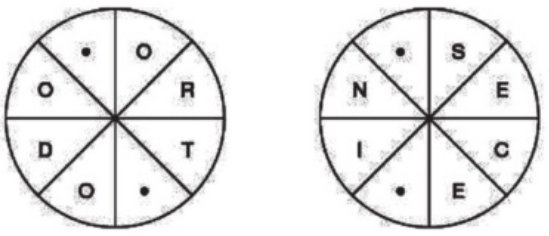
1 Bag ma; 6 Ragas; 7 So gas; 8 Emits; 9 Cathy

DOWN

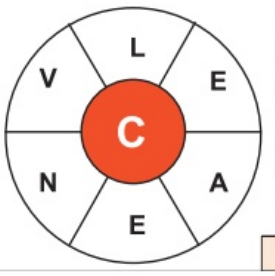
1 Say GS; 2 Am Aga; 3 Gamic; 4 Throb; 5 Sates

Mensapuzzle

Fill in the blanks to find two words that are antonyms.



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

08 Average; **09** Good; **11** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

		7	2		5	3		
9								7
		1		7		2		
1		2	6		9	7		3
		3				1		
6		4	1		7	8		5
		8		5		4		
4								8
		9	3		8	6		

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

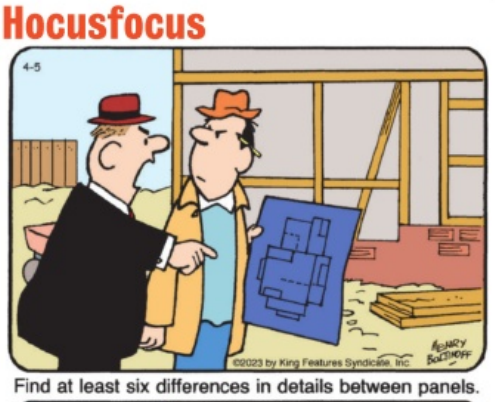
Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 10
3 7 9 9

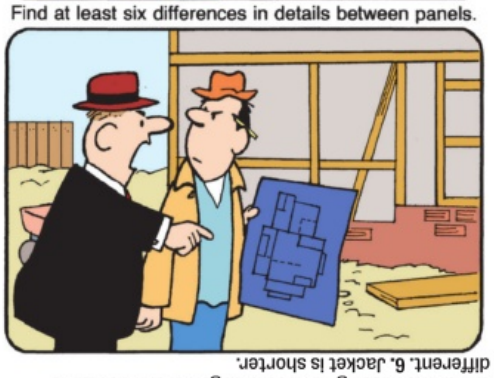
Medium = 11
2 4 5 6

Hard = 2
6 7 8 6

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Diagram is reversed. 2. Hat is larger. 3. Plank is missing. 4. Nose is larger. 5. Shirt collar is different. 6. Jacket is shorter.

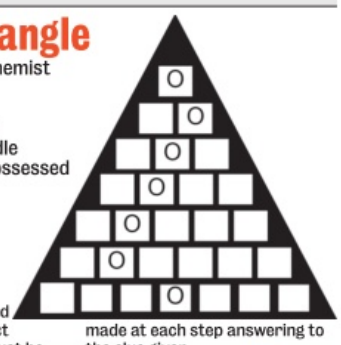
Riddler

When you behead a word, you remove the first letter and still have a valid word. You will be given clues for the two words, longer word first.

1. Delayed -> Delighted
2. Dresses -> Possesses
3. Duplicate -> Solitary
4. Contemplated -> Employed

Alpha triangle

1 Oxygen for the chemist
2 Act
3 Female deer
4 Medicine portion
5 Offered, as a riddle
6 Balanced, self-possessed
7 Levied as a tax



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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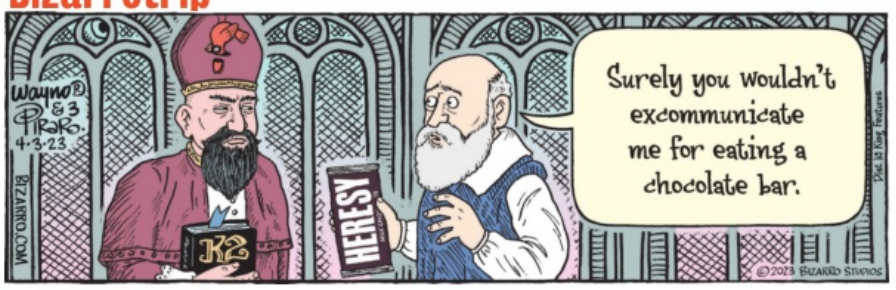
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HERESY
Surely you wouldn't excommunicate me for eating a chocolate bar.
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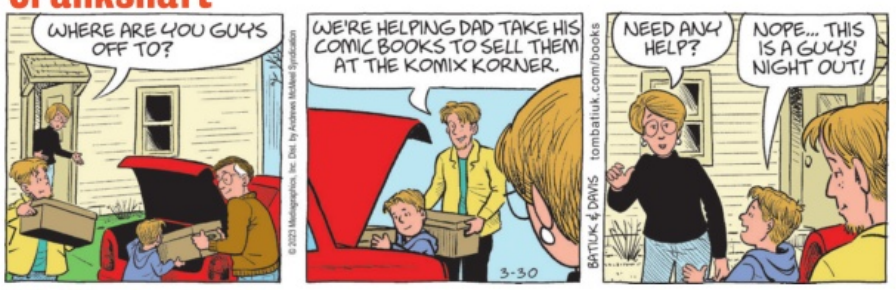
Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

DEAN, LOOK AT HOW TALL HEART IS! SHE HAD TO HAVE GROWN LIKE TWO INCHES OVERNIGHT!
I DON'T THINK SO. I'VE ALWAYS BEEN TALLER THAN HEART.
YOU DIDN'T EVEN LOOK!!
I JUST KNOW!!

Crankshaft


WHERE ARE YOU GUYS OFF TO?
WE'RE HELPING DAD TAKE HIS COMIC BOOKS TO SELL THEM AT THE KOMIX KORNER.
NEED ANY HELP?
NOPE... THIS IS A GUYS' NIGHT OUT!
3-30

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, time is favourable. You may be able to control your expenditures, and your savings are likely to increase. You may be busy at home and bring some artefacts for your home. You may also plan to renovate your office. There is an atmosphere of joy and happiness in the family. Love birds may plan to get married, and singles may find their soul match. Kids will perform well.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, things are now under control, and you may feel some new energy which gives you confidence. You may likely find a new way that leads to success at work. Parental business may reach new heights, and chronic illness may likely be cured. You may also plan for an overseas trip.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, there may be some dull feeling in you, which may make you upset and impatient. You may likely face some health-related issues. It is advised to avoid rash driving and adventure tours. You are advised to keep an eye on hidden enemies and opponents, as you might become a victim of a conspiracy. You should avoid making any arguments.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today may be good for your professional life. This is a time when you may be busy in your professional and job front. You may become passionate about your work, which may give you mental tiredness. As a result, you may not be able to reach family or social gatherings on time. Your spouse may support you in maintaining domestic harmony. Love birds may expect to make important decisions regarding marriage. Job seekers may hear good news regarding a suitable job with the help of friends.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon, which may make you happy. You may be busy at work and likely to expand your network in terms of work. With the help of elders' blessings, you will implement new plans into your work for future success. You may plan to visit some close relatives or have a party with friends.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may feel tired and emotional. You may have some financial issues if you are not careful. It is advised to sign documents only after reading them properly. Love birds are advised to avoid controversial topics, otherwise there may be conflict.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may try to analyse yourself and figure out your mistakes. Self-analysis will boost confidence at work, and disputed matters in partnerships may likely be resolved. Warmth with your spouse may improve, and students may make quick decisions regarding their careers. Singles may luckily find a good match.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, with the blessings of the moon, you may have happiness around you. Projects that were stopped will now come back on track. Relationships with your spouse may become stronger, and you may perform well at work. Singles may find their soulmate, and love birds may plan to convert their relationship into marriage. You may receive promotions in your job, and job seekers may find a good job.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, with the help of blessings from elders, you may become confident, and your working efficiency may increase. You can start new innovations in terms of business and work, and you may gain after making a small investment. Your opponents and rivals are now under control. You may help a needy person by giving money, which will increase your prestige. You may also bring some creative stuff for your house.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, things are mixed. You may be busy with kids and expect a short trip related to their academics. You will also enjoy romantic moments, and couples may receive good news regarding a new baby's birth. You may plan to go for an outing with family or friends. Those in a job may plan for higher education to increase their skill set.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today may be somewhat disappointing for you. You may feel impatient and find it difficult to focus on your goals. It is advised to postpone investments in fixed assets for a while. Take care of your parents' health as well.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may feel energetic and courageous. You may likely buy some important household items for your home or office. Your inner strength will be helpful in completing your projects before the deadline. Disputes with siblings may be resolved, and there may be some short work-related trips that will increase your network.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
700/100 / 70/100 = x/100
7/7 = x/100
10 = x/100
1,000 = x
x = 1,000
1,000/1,000 = 1

RIDDLER
1. Belated -> Elated,
2. Gowns -> Owns,
3. Clone -> Lone,
4. Mused -> Used

BULL'S EYE
acne, calve, cane, cave, clan, clean, cleave, ENCLAVE, lace, lance, VALENCE

STRIKE OUT

T	O	O	F	A	R	■	D	R	A	C	H	M
R	R	■	E	E	R	I	E	■	H	■	U	■
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P	■	T	■	O	U	T	E	R	■	L	■	N
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FAST FIVE

G	A	M	B	A
A	G	A	R	S
S	A	G	O	S
S	M	I	T	E
Y	A	C	H	T

QUICK

A	B	E	T	■	S	T	I	R	L	I	N	G
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MENSA PUZZLE
ORTHODOX, SCEDING

QUOTE UNCODE
When people hear good music it makes them homesick for something they never had and never will have.

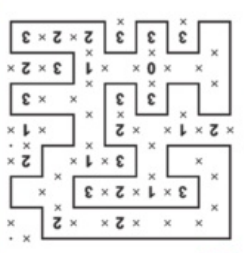
SUDOKU

8	4	7	2	9	5	3	1	6
9	2	6	4	1	3	5	8	7
5	3	1	8	7	6	2	9	4
6	9	4	1	3	7	8	2	5
7	8	3	5	2	4	1	6	9
1	5	2	6	8	9	7	4	3
3	6	8	9	5	1	4	7	2
4	1	5	7	6	2	9	3	8
2	7	9	3	4	8	6	5	1

ALPHA TRIANGLE
0, Do, Doe, Dose, Posed, Poised, Imposed.

GO FIGURE
Easy
7 + 3 − 9 + 9 = 10
5 × 6 / 2 − 4 = 11
Hard
6 / 6 − 7 + 8 = 2

LOOP



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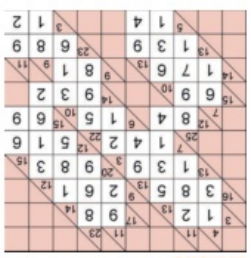

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 # Sruthi asked to give evidence
Actress Sruthi Hariharan, who challenged a closure report given by the police to the court in connection with a case against actor Arjun Sarja, has been asked to provide evidence by the court

The transition

Sunny talks about 'unbelievable' changes in her life

Sunny Leone's recent film 'Kennedy' co-starring Rahul Bhat and directed by Anurag Kashyap was screened at the Cannes Film Festival. It was an emotional moment for Sunny, especially because of the background that she came from.

She's seen an entire journey from being an adult entertainer to actually being accepted as an actress. Talking about this whole transition, Sunny opened up in a recent interview and said it's unbelievable.

She said that the entire journey coming from the adult entertainment stream to in 2011 and to getting her first film offer - everything just took off. Sunny added and said that everyone does things that they need to do in certain moments but how people evolve is how their character is built. Sunny said she really tried hard to get her foot in the door because everyone kept saying 'no' to her to be the brand ambassador of some products or be a part of the film. She said she had to fight through stigmas and nasty articles which wasn't easy at all. But Sunny tried to be dignified through the whole process. She also got emotional and said that nobody had picked up the phone earlier the way Anurag Kashyap did, to give her a chance to prove herself as an actor. **—ETimes**

Playing politics on screen

Music director V Manohar makes a comeback after a gap of more than two decades as a director with the film Darbar. Madhuchandra aka Madhu (Satish) rules the roost at a village. Born with a silver spoon, Madhu commands respect and also tries to discipline the undisciplined youngsters of the village. He meets Deepa (Jahnavi) during the village fair and falls in love with her.

Some villagers, out of envy, hatch a plan to embarrass Madhu. They convince Madhu to contest for the village panchayat election. Their intention is to ensure his defeat through an insignificant and wayward person called Naga, who is known for illegal activities. Naga, with the help of some crooks in the village, succeeds in getting elected to the panchayat. What happens to Naga and Madhu is what the film is all about.

DARBAR
3.0 RATING ★★★☆☆
- **DIRECTOR** V Manohar
- **ACTORS** Satish, Jahnavi, Sadhu Kokila, Naveen Padil, Huli Karthik, Ashok, Lakshmi Devi
- **CERTIFICATION** U/A
- **DURATION** 148 minutes

Satish has tried his best to do justice to his selection as the hero. He is good with action scenes but fails to impress in emotional scenes. His dialogue delivery is good but he has some way to go before he can establish himself as an actor in Sandalwood. Jahnavi looks pretty, Sadhu Kokila and Naveen Padil have given good support. Sadhu Kokila's performance in a dance scene is good. Veteran actor Ashok has nothing to do in this movie except a few brief appearances. Veteran actress Lakshmi Devi provides some relief for the audiences with her dialogues and acting.

The director has tried to convey a message to society that election to the panchayat is no different to the election to the State Assembly. He has successfully shown how the candidates bribe voters, hatch crooked plans, and create false sympathy. He also explains how elected representatives indulge in corruption in rural areas.

Among the songs – Bandibidithu – sung by Real Star Upendra is good. Cinematographer S Samrat has done a neat job behind the camera.

All in all, the movie Darbar is worth a watch if you want to know the intrigue in rural elections.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Story manages to show dark side of elections and how voting processes are manipulated

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